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Grégory PLOS et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
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Application No: 10/688,999 ) Examiner: ELHILO, EISA B  
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Filed: October 21, 2003 )  
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For: PROCESS FOR RAPID DYEING ) Confirmation No. 4371  
AND RAPID DECOLORATION OF )  
HUMAN KERATIN FIBRES WITH )  
CERTAIN DIRECT DYES )

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. **JP-A-5-221837** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith. This document is believed to be related to European Patent No. 0 547 790, which is listed and submitted herewith.

2. **JP-A-2001-294519** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith. A copy of automatic English translation from the Japanese Patent Office is submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

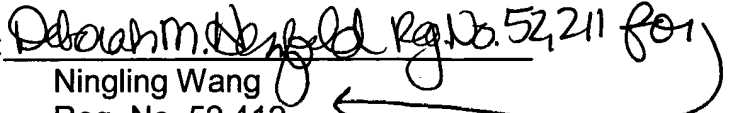
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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